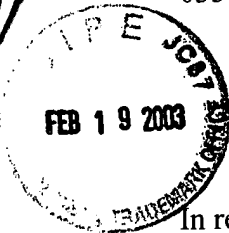


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Sir:

Further to the Second Information Disclosure Statement filed July 5, 2002, the Examiner is respectfully requested to consider the following comments on Japanese Patent Laid-Open 3-95533.

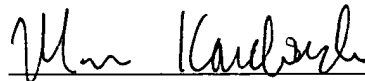
JPA '533 discloses a single-lens reflex camera of which a main body includes a variable vertical angle prism 21 and a hand-shaking detecting sensor 20. The variable vertical angle prism 21 is disposed ahead of a main mirror 14 and the hand-shaking detecting sensor 20 is disposed between a penta prism 12 and eyepiece lens 19. On a sensor surface of the sensor 20, an image formed on a focusing plate 13 by a focus lens 52-1 and the main mirror 14 is imaged via the penta prism 12, half mirror and secondary imaging lens 36.

However, Applicant submits that JPA '533 is silent as to an erecting system including the first prism provided with a surface of incidence and the second prism provided with a surface of emission.

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